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SUBJECT: NLD DECLARATION CALLS FOR ASSK RELEASE, DIALOGUE

REF: RANGOON 646

Classified By: A/DCM W. Patrick Murphy for Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

1. (SBU) On July 5 the Embassy received a request from the National League for Democracy to deliver to U.S. Congressional leaders a declaration signed by 114 Members-elect of Parliament calling for the unconditional release of all democracy activists (including Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo); a meaningful and substantive dialogue between the NLD and the SPDC; and the convening of Parliament.

2. (C) The signed declaration is the result of a petition drive previewed by NLD leaders with Emboffs on May 26 and launched on May 27, the NLD's 15th anniversary commemorating the 1990 legislative election (reftel). Given that the number of living and free MPs-elect resident in Burma has dwindled since 1990--and the repercussions for past efforts to convene Parliament--the petition was a fairly significant undertaking. The NLD, however, has no expectation that the SPDC will respond favorably to any of the MPs' demands.

3. (U) Begin text of letter (Post has pouched originals to EAP/BCLTV):

29th June, 2005

Dear Madame,

The National League for Democracy collected signatures from the elected members of Parliament, regarding the declaration which is attached herewith. This declaration was made on 27th May, 2005 which was the 15th Anniversary of Multi Party Democracy Election.

Appended is the list of signatures.

Also enclosed are two envelopes on the same subject. It will be very grateful if these enclosures be forwarded to (the) President of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representative of the United States of America.

Thanking you again.

Sincerely,

U Aung Shwe (Chairman)  
U Lwin (Secretary)

End Text of Letter.

4. (U) Begin Text of Declaration (as received):

Demand of the Members of Parliament of the National League for Democracy

Rangoon  
27th May, 2005

The root cause of all the problems encountered in Burma to-day is the failure to fulfil the stipulations in the laws (e.g. not calling the Parliament) enacted in respect of the Multiparty Democracy Elections which had been freely and fairly held in 1990.

In deference to the laws enacted by themselves and the principle of equality before the law and as a matter of respecting the will of the people, the State Peace and Development Council is:

Ruthlessly suppressing the National League for Democracy and other democratic organizations in various ways;

Detaining the leaders of the National League for Democracy and other democratic forces;

Ignoring to solve the political problems by political means and;

Trying to realize their own unilaterally formulated political road map;

We firmly believe that the politically meaningful dialogue

based on the principle of "clean slate" policy, as consistently called for by the National League for Democracy with the objectives of national reconciliation and establishment of a democratic state, is the best means to solve peacefully the current problems of the country.

Accordingly, we demand for the immediate and unconditional release of all the democratic activists including U Tin Oo, the Vice Chairman and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, General Secretary of the National League for Democracy, other ethnic leaders and nationalities who are detained under numerous fabricated reasons and we call for a meaningful and substantive dialogue between the National League for Democracy and the State Peace and Development Council and the convening of the Parliament.

We, the undersigned, having read and understood all the above, the elected representatives of the People's Parliament put on our signatures below at our own free will and conscious mind without any coercion or intimidation from anybody.

In accordance with the decision of the CEC of National League for Democracy on 23rd May, 2005

(114 Signatures Appended)

End Text of Declaration.

Martinez